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Construction of a hostel for the Law College, Madras.

* 769 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of students now studying in the Law College, Madras;

(*b*) how many of them come from the mufassal; and

(*c*) when the construction of the hostel for the Law College will be taken up?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 1,412.

" (*b*) 1,203.

" (*c*) There was a proposal to construct a hostel building for the Law College students but it had to be deferred. The question of making other arrangements is under consideration."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This subject has come before the House a number of times. So I pass on to the next question."

Improvement of the sanitary condition of the slums in the City.

* 770 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many slums in the City were attacked by cholera during the months of August–October 1953;

(*b*) how many persons were attacked and admitted in hospitals;

(*c*) how many died;

(*d*) whether the Government have received any representation that the Corporation of Madras are indifferent to the sanitary condition of the slums and are discriminating the hutting grounds as Corporation slums, Government slums and private slums and do not treat them alike in this matter; and

(*e*) the action taken by the Government to improve the sanitary conditions of all the slums in the City?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) 49 Sir.

" (*b*) 540 Sir.

" (*c*) 69 Sir.

" (*d*) Yes Sir, but the allegation was not correct. The Corporation has been doing its best to improve the general sanitation of all slums.

" (*e*) The Government have made provision in the Budget Estimate for 1954–55 for the payment of a half grant of Rs. 1½ lakhs to the Corporation of Madras towards the cost of improvements carried out by it to certain slums on Government lands. They have also brought forward the Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Bill, 1954 which was passed by the Legislature in January 1954. The Bill is